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TO CONVENE ON MONDAY

MIDWINTER TERM OR CIRCUIT COURT CONVENES ON NEXT MONDAY, JUDGE COCHRAN PRESIDING.

This is one of the long terms, and provided there is a sufficient volume of business will be in session three weeks.

The midwinter term of the Circuit Court will convene on next Monday, January 18th, Judge Robert Cochran presiding and Hon. Heck Curry officiating as district attorney. Both of these gentlemen are famed not only for their intelligence and learning, but for the fearless and conscientious manner in which they discharge the duties of their respective positions. Judge Cochran is acknowledged to be one of the ablest jurists in the State, who insists that the law must be rigidly enforced throughout his district, while Mr. Curry as prosecuting attorney is without a superior anywhere in the land.

There are several cases in which the people are to an unusual degree interested which will come up for adjudication at the impending court term. Several members of the porters' and teamsters' thief trust, who several weeks since were convicted on the charge of larceny in the court of Justice of the Peace Beverly Matthews, appealed their cases to the Circuit Court, and in the event that the decision of the lower tribunal is affirmed Judge Cochran will be called upon to pass sentence on the convicted thieves. These cases excited unwelcome interest, not only on account of the magnitude of the crime, nearly every wholesale grocery concern in Columbus having suffered from the pilferings of members of the thief trust, but because Joe Frierson, one of the leaders of the gang, posed as a preacher and used the cloak of religion to shield his peccations.

Another case of importance that may come up is that of the three Longstreet negroes, who on Christmas morning killed Conductor Harrison, of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, at Crawford. These negroes were arrested near Hattiesburg about ten days ago, and were taken to Jackson for safe keeping. They are now in jail at the Capital City, but the crime was committed within the borders of Lowndes county, and unless a change of venue is secured they will be brought here for trial. It was by order of Governor Vardaman that the negroes were taken to Jackson, and Sheriff Eggleston has as yet received no information as to whether they will be brought here or not, so it is not yet definitely known where or when the case against them will be heard.

The following is a list of the cases appearing on the civil and State dockets:

Civil Docket.

W. T. Harper vs. Southern Railway Company; trespass.
W. C. Harris vs. Southern Railway Company; trespass.
Osie Kidd vs. Southern Railway Company; appeal.
Western Cane Seating Company vs. Columbus Chair Co.; assumpsit.
Martha Ann Matilda Beatty vs. Southern Railway Co.; trespass.
James Upchurch vs. Independent Cottonseed Oil & Fertilizer Works; trespass.
Standard Stove Works vs. Southern Railway Co.; assumpsit.
Jesse Brown vs. Southern Railway Company; trespass.
Early P. Laws vs. Southern Railway Company; trespass.
F. M. Jacob vs. Columbus Underwear Company; assumpsit.
D. S. McClanahan and W. N. Puckett vs. Columbus Underwear Company; assumpsit.
D. S. McClanahan vs. Columbus Underwear Company; assumpsit.
Anniston Card Clothing Company vs. Columbus Underwear Company; assumpsit.
Lookout Planing Mills vs. Gilmer Hotel Company; assumpsit.
Mrs. Maggie A. A. Wood et al. vs. Southern Railway Co.; trespass.
Lynchburg Paper Box Company vs. Columbus Underwear Company; assumpsit.
Lindamood & Puckett, in execution, vs. Columbus Underwear Company, defendant; Columbus Insurance & Banking Company, claimant; appeal.
H. E. Johns & Co. vs. Columbus Underwear Company, defendant; Co-

AN ELABORATE PROGRAMME

HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR CELEBRATION OF GEN. ROBT. E. LEE'S CENTURIAL ANNIVERSARY.

Exercises Will be Under Auspices of Confederate Veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy Next Saturday.

The joint committee from Isham Harrison Camp No. 27, United Confederate Veterans, and the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, appointed to make arrangements for the centennial anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee, has completed the program, which will be carried out at the court house on next Saturday, January 19. The committee consists of Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Mrs. G. W. Sherman, Mrs. L. A. Vaughan, Mrs. W. C. Richards, Mrs. Jno. A. Snell, Mrs. C. H. Ayres, Mrs. W. D. Sanders, Mrs. H. Osborne and Miss Anna Banks on the part of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Col. W. C. Richards, Gen. E. T. Sykes and Col. C. L. Lincoln on the part of the veterans, and a most elaborate program has been arranged.

The exercises, as stated above, will take place at the courthouse next Saturday, beginning promptly at 12 o'clock noon, and on Saturday night Miss Mary B. Harrison, president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will entertain the members of the chapter and the local Confederate Veterans at her home on North Seventh street. The reception will be strictly for the veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy, and no other guests will be invited.

The exercises which take place at the courthouse next Saturday will be public, and the people of Columbus and Lowndes county are extended a cordial invitation to be present. The following exercises will be carried out on this occasion:

Prayer, Rev. W. E. Dakin.
Reading of General Order No. 58 from U. C. V. headquarters.
Song, "How Firm a Foundation," choir.

Reading of Gen. Lee's farewell address to the Confederate army, Gen. E. T. Sykes.

Song, "Come Unto Me," choir.
Address, "The Life and Character of R. E. Lee," Dr. J. W. Shoaff.
Hymn, "From all the Saints who from their Labors Rest," choir.
Benediction, Rev. J. J. Hill.

Mr. R. R. Gilbert, one of the managers of the Gilbert Supply Company, left yesterday for Montgomery, where he goes to take charge of the Montgomery office of the firm, the business there having grown so rapidly that it requires his constant personal attention. Their Columbus office, which is also very prosperous, will hereafter be in charge of Mr. Gilbert's brother, Mr. R. D. Gilbert.

Mr. James Minga, a former resident of Columbus, who is now living in Dallas, Texas, is visiting relatives in the city and vicinity.

The Dispatch is pleased to see Mr. L. A. Vaughan out after a rather severe attack of la grippe.

Columbus Insurance & Banking Company, claimant; appeal.
People's Ice & Cold Storage Company, in execution, vs. Columbus Underwear Company, defendant; Columbus Insurance & Banking Company, claimant; appeal.
Jim Brown vs. Southern Railway Company; trespass.
A. E. Leech vs. Southern Railway Company; appeal.
Mrs. W. D. Humphries vs. Abe Loftis, trustee; appeal.
H. C. Dawkins vs. Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company; trespass.
J. C. Fowler vs. Independent Cottonseed Oil & Fertilizer Works; trespass.
Lucy Webster vs. Sanders Bradford; trespass.
Donoghue & Dee vs. Finger Bros.; trespass.
Mrs. Ida Hunt vs. Southern Railway Company; appeal.

State Docket.
State vs. William Johnson, perjury, three cases.
State vs. George Love, perjury.
State vs. Jim Kidd, retailing.
State vs. Will Matthews, appeal.
State vs. Joe Frierson, larceny, appeal, four cases.
State vs. Napoleon Irby, larceny, appeal, four cases.

SHOOTING AT NEW HOPE

JOE JOHNSON SHOT NEGRO MAN NAMED MACK GREENLEE, IN NEW HOPE NEIGHBORHOOD, SUNDAY.

Shooting Took Place on Plantation of Mr. G. D. McKellar—Johnson Made Good His Escape—Still at Large.

The quiet which usually marks the Sabbath in the country was disturbed last Sunday by a shooting affray that took place on the plantation of Mr. G. D. McKellar in the New Hope neighborhood. The participants were Joe Johnson, an Alabama coon, and Mack Greenlee, a negro residing on the plantation of ex-Sheriff J. T. Armstrong, which is only a short distance from Mr. McKellar's place. The difficulty took place shortly before noon, and Johnson shot at Greenlee four times with a revolver, two of the shots having entered his side and the other two having gone astray. His wounds, while dangerous, are not likely to prove fatal, and he is now resting easy at the Columbus Hospital, whither he was carried soon after the difficulty took place.

The shooting was reported to the sheriff's office by telephone, and as soon as the message was received Deputy Sheriff B. D. Ervin went out to make an investigation. When he reached the scene of the tragedy he found that Johnson, as soon as he had shot his man, had run away, and negroes in the neighborhood stated that he had boarded the train bound for Montgomery on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, which, according to statements made by these negroes, he had flagged at New Hope. Mr. Ervin sent a telegram to Capt. W. E. Hopper, the conductor in charge of the train, requesting him to arrest Johnson. In reply received a message from Capt. Hopper that Johnson, no stop signal having been displayed when the train passed that point.

The only information regarding the difficulty which culminated in the shooting of Greenlee which Deputy Sheriff Ervin could secure was obtained from negroes living in the neighborhood in which the trouble occurred. According to statements made by these witnesses, Greenlee had been unduly intimate with Johnson's wife, and this, they averred, was the cause of the shooting. Johnson is still at large, and it is the opinion of the officers that he has returned to his home in Alabama. If they are correct in this surmise, and he has left the borders of the State in which the crime was committed, it may become necessary to secure requisition papers before his arrest is effected.

Mr. Jas. O'Neill, who has been spending the past several months in Texas and the Indian Territory, is home for a visit to his parents, Col. and Mrs. Thos. J. O'Neill.

Hon. D. W. Houston, of Aberdeen, Miss., was in the city on last Monday, called here by legal business.

THE BONDS ARE TAKEN

GILMER HOTEL WILL BE MADE A MODERN HOSTELRY, THE LEADING HOTEL IN THIS SECTION OF STATE.

Understood That Leading Local Capitalists Are Behind the Move and Have Subscribed the Bond Issue Already.

Mr. W. C. Western, one of the leading architects of the South, whose work is in evidence in the office buildings in Birmingham, spent some time in this city last week. His mission here was to study the Gilmer Hotel with a view of rebuilding and modernizing it, and he is now at work on plans which will make it one of the finest hotels in the State.

The bonds for the improvement of the Gilmer have been placed with local capitalists, and while the total amount of the issue is not stated and the names of the purchasers are not given out, it is known that the movement has behind it a number of leading capitalists whose subscriptions will be enough to make the hotel over and new.

The owners of the Gilmer are not giving out any information. They prefer to let the contract and the work of improvements speak for themselves, and the people of Columbus will soon be made to realize their plans, for it is believed that the work of remodeling the famous old hotel will begin just as soon as the plans are received and approved. As soon as the same are adopted they will be noted at length in this paper. Already the proposed improvement has had a fine effect on west Main street, and the fact that the leading hotel of this section and city is to be located there has already created a decided upward tendency and impetus.

Went to Washington.

Capt. C. A. Johnston and Mr. I. H. Sykes, two members of the committee appointed to go to Washington in behalf of the Tombigbee river appropriation, left for the Capital City last Saturday night. It is a fact much to be regretted that Gen. Stephen D. Lee, who was also appointed a member of the committee, found it impossible to accompany Capt. Johnston and Mr. Sykes to Washington, as he is one of the foremost citizens of the land, and a few words from him on behalf of the improvement of the Tombigbee would have had weight with the rivers and harbors committee. Mr. Sykes, however, is thoroughly posted regarding the merits of the scheme, and he and Capt. Johnston will do all in their power to persuade the members of the committee to disregard Major Craighill's unfavorable report and recommend the coveted appropriation for the Tombigbee.

The final report of the rivers and harbors committee will not be presented to congress until January 30, so Capt. Johnston and Mr. Sykes will have ample time to secure a hearing before definite action in regard to the appropriation for the Tombigbee is taken.

WILL PLAY BASEBALL SURE

A PROFESSIONAL OR AMATEUR CLUB ASSURED FOR THIS SEASON AND PLANS ARE UNDER WAY.

Enthusiastic Meeting to be Held on Thursday Night Next at the City Hall to Perfect Plans of Organization.

It's play ball. That is settled. A few of the faithful gathered on Monday at The Dispatch office and settled that fact.

The city street car company came across handsomely and did the proper thing, and five other gentlemen completed the first thousand dollars necessary for a beginning for the club. A thousand dollars was raised in five minutes with only six gentlemen present. Surely at the meeting to be held on tomorrow night the amount will be increased to three times that amount.

The plan is to get in a league—any league—if they can. If they cannot, then they will organize a strong semi-professional team and go it alone, tackling everything that is out for the stuff.

The plan is to organize a stock company. Stock will be sold at \$25 a share, and every lover of the game can come in on this basis. And every lover of the game is expected. It will take his support and money to get the season through, like they hope to get it through, successfully. After organization and chartering, the management of the club will be entrusted to a board of directors. A manager and secretary will be employed, and also a field captain. The work of looking out for players will begin at once.

All of the rumors which connect Wheeler, Nott and Allen will be made to tie them up. If the State league, with Water Valley, Wionona, Grenada and other cities, is organized, Columbus will endeavor to get in it, for once established as a good ball town the franchise which the club will own will be worth something.

We are to have ball sure, and every man and boy who wishes to see the game this summer should not fail to attend the meeting tomorrow night. It will be held at the city hall, and your presence is expected.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 14.—With the refusal of President Kavanaugh, of the Southern League, to allow the organization of a Cotton States League team at New Orleans, all hope of enlarging this circuit to eight teams for the 1907 season has perished, and the organization will consist only of teams at Jackson, Meridian, Hattiesburg, Gulfport, Mobile and Vicksburg.

Monroe, La., is still very anxious to break into the Cotton States League, but no other town is in favorable prospect and Monroe would of course have to bring a companion along to form an eight team circuit. An effort has been made to arouse baseball enthusiasm at Greenville, preliminary to asking a franchise, but it has not been successful, the enthusiasts having failed to dispose of a sufficient number of season tickets to guarantee expenses, and they state that they are unwilling to ask a franchise unless financial support is secured first.

Apathy also prevails at Natchez, and Baton Rouge is completely out of the running. The latter town is not again desired, on account of inaccessibility, and the same is true of Greenville.

President Compton has been awaiting developments in these matters prior to calling a meeting of the league directors, and now that the baseball atmosphere has apparently cleared it is probable that a meeting will be called within the next few days. Selma, Ala., has not been heard from recently, but the outlook at that place is probably the same as at Greenville and Natchez.

Mr. T. K. Warburton, of Aberdeen, who has recently opened a plumbing establishment here, is in the city. Mr. Warburton will spend the greater part of each week in Columbus and will appreciate a share of the business in his line in this community.

Mr. Henry C. Terry left Monday for Itabena on a business trip.

WILL HAVE A HIPPODROME

COLUMBUS TO HAVE A LARGE AND MAGNIFICENTLY APPOINTED HIPPODROME FOR SKATING.

Structure, Which Will be Up-to-Date in Every Respect and will Cost About \$7000, to be Built on Bradford Square.

The roller skate craze is a little late in reaching Columbus, but having at last arrived it has, figuratively speaking, of course, struck us with a loud thud, and we are to have a skating rink or hippodrome that will equal in size and appointment any similar structure in the State. A stock company is being formed, and it is the intention of this company to expend about \$7000 in the erection of a building and the purchase of the necessary equipment. The building will be constructed according to the most modern and latest improved plans that have been followed in the erection of similar structures in Memphis, Birmingham and other cities, and the floor will be of maple, which is very hard and which has been found to withstand the wear and tear incident to constant usage better than any other wood.

The site selected for the hippodrome is the Bradford square on South Market street, which is centrally located and easily accessible to all portions of the city. The property runs on Market street from Fourth avenue to Fifth avenue, and it has not as yet been definitely decided just exactly what spot will be selected for the hippodrome. The Fourth avenue corner has been offered to the government as a site for the proposed Federal building which is to be erected here, and in hippodrome will probably be erected on the southeast corner of the square, where Market street and Fifth avenue intersect.

Mr. Warren Cox, who is one of the prime movers in the enterprise, left yesterday for Meridian, where he goes on private business. There is a magnificent hippodrome in Meridian, and while in the city Mr. Cox will doubtless secure a great deal of valuable information, not only regarding plans for the building, but concerning the conduct of the business after the building has been completed. It is understood that the promoters of the enterprise will spare no expense or pains to secure an up-to-date building, and that the business will be operated just as it is in the large cities. The equipment and appointments will be the best that money can buy, and a competent instructor will not only teach beginners, but will have general supervision of the building and will see that patrons receive every attention.

In connection with the hippodrome project it is pertinent to state that it seems more than likely that the enterprise will have some opposition. For some time past the Street Railway Company has been considering the erection of a skating rink, and The Dispatch is informed by an official of that company that the hippodrome will not be allowed to interfere with the project. According to a statement by this official, the rink will be erected on property owned by the company near Tabb's Hill, and work on the building will begin at an early date.

The Mayor's Court.

Alexander Sturdivant, a negro, was before Mayor Donnell Tuesday on the charge of having stolen a wallet containing \$2.50 from a negro named Lena Shaw. He was proven guilty and was sentenced to serve thirty days on the county farm and pay the costs in the case.

Missouri Barry was arrested by Officer Foreman on yesterday and charged with committing a nuisance by throwing water out into the street. Mayor Donnell dismissed the case against the woman.

Felix Wilson, a negro who bears a rather unsavory reputation, and who when summoned last week as a witness failed to appear, was arrested yesterday, and upon being taken before Mayor Donnell was fined \$2.50.

Mrs. W. E. Waring and children left on yesterday for Birmingham, where they will meet Mrs. W. S. Jacobs and make a visit to friends.

A FINE INVESTMENT!

There's no investment in Columbus like store property. It is close in, rents well, the question of repairs is a small one, the location permits owners to carry limited insurance, for fire protection is the best, tenants are reliable, and rents are secured with notes that are negotiable at the bank. Considering these things, store property, wherever it can be bought at a valuation which will yield the owner six or seven per cent. net, is a purchase.

The erection of the new bank building, the new government building, the remodeling of the Gilmer, which is assured, the building of the First State Bank building, are certainties not in the distant future. The proposition I have to offer you is netting now seven per cent. As soon as the present leases expire, which will be a year from next September, it will net ten per cent. The tenants in the building now are stable and good, rents are paid in the bank promptly, and you have no trouble. The property has been rented for twenty-five years, and has never been idle. It's up to you.

There is precious little store property offered in this city, and it is getting scarcer and scarcer every day. Those who desire this class of property are increasing in numbers daily, for it is certainly the safest, the best, and the most profitable investment. Property which is established is the class of property you should buy. Do not experiment. If you are interested in this proposition, let me see you.

P. W. MAER.